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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

South Phoenix Regional Council

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council of the – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on April 21, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at Cartwright School District Offices, Governing Board Room located at 3401 N. 67th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85033.

Members Present:

Dr. Robert Donofrio, Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, Dr. Patricia Merk, Dr. Rosalind Polston, Mary Thomson, Moises Gallegos, Dr. William Ellert, Christopher Canelake.

Absent:

James Washington, Cindy Segotta-Jones.

Chairman Donofrio welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2009

Chairman Donofrio called for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2009. Council Member Merk motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2009. Seconded by Council Member Canelake and the motion carried.

Call to the public

Chairman Donofrio made a call to the public. John Cregg with United Way introduced himself to the Council. Monica Nash, Program Coordinator for Niños en Mi Casa, also introduced herself to the Council. Margi Alldredge Program Manager for childhood development and disabilities with Southwest Human Development (SWHD) was also in attendance.

Council Member Updates

Council Member Shivers announced "0-3" holds an annual scientific meeting and this year's theme is "Challenging Behaviors in Preschools". Top researchers from around the country weigh in on the issue. Council Member Shivers also mentioned in conjunction with the Smart Starts conference in North Carolina there is a National Alliance for Family, Friend and Neighbor Care annual meeting.

Chairman Donofrio discussed the extreme cuts the state budget has experienced and need for support of services.

Council Member Ellert updated the Council that he and St. Joseph's Hospital started a prenatal/obstetric care clinics and follow up visits.

Dr. Patty Merk updated the council on Tapestry – the project is going well, staff have been hired, and have attended several training sessions out of state. The local child wellness council will be meeting the first time on May 12th at the Cooperative Extension Offices.

Funding Plan Implementation Update

Coordinator Gonzales provided the Council with the RFGA timelines. Chairman Donofrio complimented Coordinator Gonzales on getting the RFGAs out quicker than anticipated.

Coordinator Gonzales reassured the Council that the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council is receiving proposals and are funding them at the rate the money is allocated.

K. Vilay, Family Senior Policy Specialist for First Things First, updated the Council on the stages of food box selection, scholarships for children, and family support strategies.

Coordinator Gonzales is currently coordinating and recruiting for review committees. Coordinator Gonzales informed the Council the review committee training and meetings are underway. Coordinator Gonzales stated the review committee's goal is to have recommendations to the Council by the May meeting. The Council would then forward their recommendations to the State Board for approval at their May 19th meeting.

Statewide Initiative Update

Ms. K. Vilay updated the Council on the initial number of applicants for the Quality First! improvement rating system. She also updated the Council on T.E.A.C.H. and the numbers of applicants to the program.

Statewide Communications Plan Presentation

Coordinator Gonzales provided information and a presentation on FTF's communication plan and marketing tools that are available for the Council.

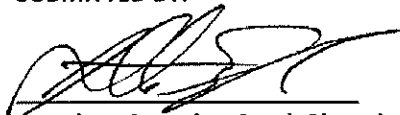
Establish/Discuss Future Agenda Items

Upcoming strategies

Adjournment

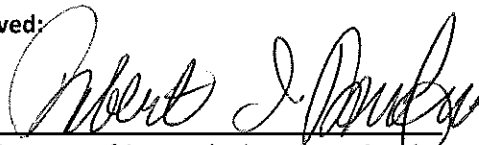
There being no further business, South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council Chair Dr. Bob Donofrio called for a motion to adjourn the South Phoenix Regional Council Meeting at 6:43 p.m. A motion made by Council Member Canelake, seconded by Council Member Thomson and the motion carried.

SUBMITTED BY:



Jonathon Gonzales, South Phoenix Regional Council Coordinator

Approved:



Dr. Robert Donofrio, South Phoenix Regional Council Chair